waters, in a sprit of goodwill and friendship. Under the Treaty, the waters of the Eastern Rivers viz. The Sutlej. the Beas and the Ravi (about 33 Million Acre Feet or 41 Billion Cubic Metres) stand allocated to India and those of the Western Rivers *viz.* The Indus, The Jhelum and The Chenab (about 135 Million Acre Feet or 166 Billion Cubic Metres) are to be received by Pakistan for their unrestricted use except for Domestic/Non-Consumptive Use and specified/restricted Agricultural Use, hydro-electric power generation and storage of waters by India.

(b) Under the provisions of the Treaty, India is permitted to construct Run-of-River Hydroelectric Plants on the Western Rivers conforming to certain design & operation criteria specified in the Treaty. The Baglihar Project is one such Run-of-River Hydroelectric Project. Pakistan has been expressing that the design of the 450 MW Baglihar Project in J&K violates certain provisions of the Treaty and has approached the World Bank on the 15th January, 2005 for the appointment of a Neutral Expert expressing that differences have arisen.

(c) India has been explaining to Pakistan that the design of the Plant fully conforms to the provisions of the Treaty and its objections could be amicably settled through detailed technical discussions, which had already indicated scope of narrowing down of issues. After Pakistan's aforesaid request to the World Bank, India has submitted to the Bank that the situation envisaged in the Treaty for recourse to the Bank to make a valid appointment of a Neutral Expert has yet not arisen and accordingly, the Bank should refrain from making such an appointment leaving the parties to settle remaining issues through mutual cooperative discussions in good faith or otherwise in accordance with the procedure prescribed in the Treaty.

Ground Water Pollution

1529. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state the remedial measures taken on the prevailing status of the Ground Water Pollution in different parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): As per studies carried out by the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), under the Ministry of Water Resources, ground water in major parts of the country is by and large potable. However, ground water has been found polluted in localized pockets in some parts of the country. Water being a State subject, it is

primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to take measures to prevent pollution of ground water and to formulate schemes to provide people with contamination free water. However, the CGWB has provided technical guidance to the States and has organized a number of mass awareness programmes to educate the people for the purpose. The CGWB also monitors ground water quality periodically to map the changes in it and apprises the State Governments of the same for taking necessary remedial measures. It has also drilled exploratory wells tapping contamination free aquifer zones and has handed over these wells to the State Governments for utilisation.

Besides, the Department of Drinking Water Supply, under the Ministry fo Rural Development, is rendering financial and technical assistance to the States for tackling water quality problems in rural areas through a Centrally Sponsored Accelerated rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). 15% of ARWSP funds have been exclusively earmarked for Sub Mission project for tackling water quality problems. With effect from 01.04.1998, powers to sanction Sub Mission projects have been delegated to States.

Utilization of World Bank Funds

1530. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the World Bank has assured to provide about $1 billion annually for various water projects in India over the next four years;

(b) if so, the details of the plans/projects drawn up for utilization of the World Bank funds and the present status of their implementation; and

(c) the condition put by the World Bank for providing assistance for these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No, Sir. However, the Country Director, World Bank during the National workshop on "Challenges of Water Development and Management in India and Future Strategies" organized by this Ministry in January, 2005 has informed enhancement of funding the water resources projects from present level of US $200 million per year to about US $800 million per year by the World Bank.